

MINUTES
CALICO ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the Calico Rock Board of Education was called to order by Rex Whitfield at 5:32 P.M. on Monday, July 22, 2019 in the Superintendent's Office. Board members present: Rex Whitfield, Jay Knight, Patty Conyers, and Jennifer Brickell. Chris Brandon was not present. Jerry Skidmore, Superintendent, was also present.

OPENING PRAYER - Mr. Skidmore offered the opening prayer.

U. S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MISSION STATEMENT – Patty Conyers

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Patty Conyers moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Jay Knight. The motion carried.

VISITORS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rex Whitfield welcomed all visitors. Visitors present: Anita Nordrum, Kim Thomas, Jessica Moser, Rich Fischer, Amy Love and Jandel Stapleton.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Jay Knight moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting. Patty Conyers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JUNE BILLS

Patty Conyers moved to approve the June bills. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patty Conyers moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Skidmore shared news about “dark store” theory. Large retail stores such as Walmart are asking that they be taxed on their building only. It is currently in the court system but if their request is granted, this will have an impact on the amount of state funding some schools receive.

Mr. Skidmore updated the board on arrangements for the visitation for Officer Mike Stephen. The visitation as well as funeral will be held in the high school gym to accommodate the expected crowd. Preparations are under way to host the event.

Mr. Skidmore mentioned some possible grants he is hoping for that would fund school buses and other things like solar panels to help with electricity.

Mr. Skidmore updated the board on the Career Development Start Up Grant we were approved for last year to be able to offer CNA classes onsite. Unfortunately, that has changed and they do not have an instructor to come to our campus. Mr. Skidmore is still trying to get this going at Calico but at this time it will not be offered on campus.

Mr. Skidmore shared some exciting news that Calico Rock Elementary is #9 in the state of Arkansas in Reading Readiness Growth. We are #1 in our district CO-OP. Brag on the teachers and the students for their hard work. This is a great accomplishment for our school.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

13a. Mr. Skidmore recommended the legal transfer of a student to Mountain Home School District be granted. Motion was made by Jay Knight and seconded by Rex Whitfield to grant the transfer. The motion carried.

13b. Mr. Skidmore read resignations from Buffy Russell Houston, Kristie Thompson, and Carolyn Sanders. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept the resignations with regrets. Patty Conyers seconded the motion.

School board took a break at 6:30pm. Meeting resumed at 6:36pm.

13c. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to reassign Chip McDonald from Golf Coach to Cross Country Coach. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13d. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Tyler Williams as elementary teacher. Jay Knight made a motion to accept the recommendation. Rex Whitfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13e. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Sloan Seay as a long term substitute in the special education department. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the recommendation. Rex Whitfield seconded the motion.

13f. Mr. Skidmore made a motion to hire Alexa Williams as a special education teacher. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13g. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Mary Estes as Central Office Aide. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the recommendation. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13h. Mr. Skidmore made recommendation to hire Kitty Dockins as a Teacher Aide. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the recommendation. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13i. Mr. Skidmore made a recommendation to hire Brianna Ritter as a Custodian. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept the recommendation. Patty Conyers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13j. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept the bid from IZARD County Propane as our propane vendor. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the bid from Cintas as our janitorial supplies vendor. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept the bid from Batesville Typewriter as our copier service vendor. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the bid from Gammill Oil as our diesel and gas vendor. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13k. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation to assign Appointments as follows: Anita Nordrum –Equity Coordinator, Connie Moser – 504 Coordinator, Stephanie King – Homeless Liaison, Mike Mason – District and High School Federal Programs Coordinator, Lisa Cullen – Parent Center Facilitator, Kim Thomas – Elementary Federal Programs Coordinator. Patty Conyers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13l. Rex Whitfield made a motion to accept Mr. Skidmore's recommendation to approve the Elementary and High School Handbook Policy Changes as well as ASBA Model Policy updates to the handbooks contingent upon addressing any item that needs further action. Jay Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13m. Mr. Skidmore recommended the discussion of replacing the school sign should be tabled until more quotes could be obtained. Patty Conyers made a motion to table this item. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13n. Mr. Skidmore discussed the bid for repaving the High School parking lots which was listed as 3 jobs in the project bid packet. Patty Conyers made a motion to accept the bid. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion passed, however the board gave Mr. Skidmore the authority to negotiate the price with the company.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2019 beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Superintendent's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Knight made the motion to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Jennifer Brickell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approved: _____
(Date)

President

Secretary